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1. IN ADDITION TO HABBASH AND JABRIL, WHOSE ARRIVAL HERE WAS REPORTED REFTEL, FARUQ QADDUMI OF THE PLO AND NAYEF HAWATMEH OF PDFLP ARRIVED IN TOWN JUNE 7. ARAFAT AND ABU IYAD HAVE NOT SHOWN UP YET, BUT WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE ONE OR BOTH OF THEM ARRIVE IN TIME FOR AMERICAN EVACUATION DAY JUNE 11. HABBASH AND JABGCL HAD ONE MEETING WITH QADHAFI, AND HAWATMEH AND QADDUMI ANOTHER.

2. HAWATMEH GAVE A LONG STATEMENT TO THE LIBYAN PRESS, WHICH IS INDICATIVE OF THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THESE MEETINGS ARE TAKING PLACE, STRIPPED OF MARXIST JARGON. ONE EXCERPT:

I WANT TO SAY CLEARLY THAT THE EGYPTIAN RIGHT WING, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SADAT, WHO IS FOLLOWING A POLICY OF DEPENDENCE ON THE DEFEATIST, LIQUIDATIONIST, AMERICAN SOLUTION OF OUR NATIONAL AND PANARAB CAUSE, DOES NOT REALLY EXPRESS THE SITUATION OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND THE EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS,
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WHO CROSSED THE CANAL AND DESTROYED THE BAR LEV LINE, AND WHO

WERE ENTIRELY READY TO FACE A CONFLICT TO THE FINISH WHATEVER THE COST. THE PROOF OF THIS LIES IN THE CONTRADICTIONS OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, WORKERS, STUDENTS, INTELLECTUALS, POOR, AND THE DETERMINATION OF EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AND TO STAND IN THE FACE OF AMERICAN PLANS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT POPULAR FORCES IN EGYPT AND EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS WILL NOT ALLOW THE RIGHTIST EGYPTIAN POLICY LED BY SADAT TO MOVE FREELY TOWARD MORE CONCESSIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF AMERICAN AND ISRAELI DEFEATIST AND LIQUIDATIONIST PLANS AND SOLUTIONS. THEREFORE, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR US FROM THE BEGINNING TO MAKE THIS DISTINCTION, AND TO MOVE TOWARDS BUILDING BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AND EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ARAB REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

3. FARUQ QADDUMI ALSO MADE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR ALGIERS JUNE 9. HE AVOIDED BEING LED INTO DIRECT CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT SADAT, BUT DID REPORTEDLY SAY THAT THE PLO "ABSOLUTELY REFUSES TO AGREE TO THE PASSAGE OF ISRAELI CARGOES THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL". HE ALSO IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT THE PLO'S STAND DIFFERED FROM THAT OF MANY ARAB RULERS, AND THAT THE PLO WOULD BE PLAYING AN "IMPORTANT ROLE" IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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